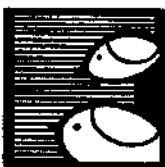


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Presidents' Message:

This is the first issue of "Volume B", indicating our eighth year of publishing this Bulletin. It is my pleasure to type that heading. I'm proud to say that NFS is strong and growing.

This issue contains the 1990 Show Reports. They are very interesting reading. They tell a lot about what birds are being raised and by whom. They show that the NFS Band Program, under Denise's care, is thriving. They show us that we have many active affiliated clubs and that our Judges Panel is well respected and widely used. Most of all, the show reports tell us that NFS members enjoy comparing their birds with those raised by others, on the show bench. The shows are an educational experience for all of us and have the added benefit of being pleasant social gatherings for the "Finch Family". Thanks for your participation, see you in the fall.

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ARE YOU A BIT TIMID ABOUT WRITING ?

Jon Noffman, our Second Vice President, and well-known BIRD TALK columnist, has volunteered to help you! In a letter to me Jon wrote, "since some people are shy about writing and aren't comfortable about their ability to write, perhaps they could submit the outline or sketch of what they want to say, and then I can put it into an edited-fora of article for them. The procedure might be that a breeder sends me the information or calls me to discuss what they want to say. I then write it up and it goes back to the breeder for approval. The breeder makes notes of any clarifications or requests for changes and sends it back to me. I put it into a final fora and send it to the bulletin editor for publication."

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This is a very generous offer and I hope many members who have hesitated to write for the bulletin will be contacting you soon Jon! Thanks. The Editor.
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TO ALL CLUBS WHO WILL BE CONTACTING AN NFS PANEL JUDGE:

PLEASE...Be sure that you are using this current list. It is up to date.
Sometimes addresses, phone numbers, etc. change and all other lists are now
invalid. Thank you for your attention to this. Gr. Al DecotEAU.

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WELL, HERE WE ARE JUST BEGINNING 1991..
and already Tom Rood is busy working on our next International Exchange
Program. I have a letter from him saying that he has corresponded with
several of the clubs that we exchanged with in past years and they are
pleased to be doing it again. Please help in this by sending "reconditionable"
(Jon Hoffman won't like that word I made up!) trophies to Tom at:

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TO ALL FINCHSAVE PARTICIPANTS

All of the statistics and correspondence are now (finally) transferred from the previous director to Jeff Brissette. The 1989 year-end report that the previous director did not do will be handled by Jeff. PLEASE HELP JEFF make this program work the way it was intended to work! Please write to, (please don't call), Jeff today and update your status. It doesn't need to be a fancy or lengthy report, just get in touch so he knows you're still there. Thanks.

Jeff Brissette, 34 Liberty Street, Manchester, CT 06040

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NEWS & NOTES

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Dur Spring "Board-meeting-by-mail" produced some interesting facts and comments - as usual in the Finch Family!

As of March 10th, 1990, we have 860 members! The "tri-fold" brochure seems to be helping and so do our ads in BIRD TALK, ACOM and MATCHBIRD. If you haven't seen one of the promotional brochures, write or call your Regional Vice-President and ask for a copy. You can then photocopy ZILLIDMS of them and hand them out to EVERYONE that you know!

The Board approved the expenditures in the proposals by Jon Hoffman and Martha Migeore. These proposals, respectively, were for a video tape to be made of a slide presentation about building and managing an inside aviary and a set of "display boards" to travel to the major shows and conventions. Martha expects to deliver the display boards with their large size, full color pictures of finches and softbills in late June. Jon has agreed to do narration and some technical work on the video tape and we don't have a projected date for it's release. Martha has also generously volunteered to type the changes that need to be made in the new version of the Handbook and so that is now moving forward smoothly again.

The Board approved the insertion of business-card sized ads in the Bulletin for the price of \$12 per single issue and \$50 for 6 issues. We hope that this will encourage breeders and suppliers to advertise to the most specialized group of finch and softbill enthusiasts in an economical way.

Denise Capazzi has sold 13,350 bands as of March 10th! Nice work and thanks. This includes 6080 size D's.

Russ says our finances are in pretty good shape with about \$8500 in the bank. PLEASE REMEMBER... each Bulletin issue costs about \$1000 to print and distribute and WE NEED ADVERTISING TO PAY FOR IT!!!

Affiliations are coming in at about the average rate and Chris has the awards program well in hand so that it will be smooth again this year.

We have two new approved standards and the first printing of the proposed Star Finch standard is in this issue. The Fire Finch standard is coming and the Pekin Robin Committee is communicating.

Al reports that he has been disappointed by nine of the judges who have not sent in the first of their yearly reports. A third reminder is going out to them, the last before he uses the powers of suspension that the Board has given him. His report on points for individual birds is published in this issue and his report on exhibitors points will appear in the next.

Tom Rood reports that he is already doing very well contacting clubs for our 1991 International Exchange Project and that we'll have some very special awards this fall in Detroit. He still needs "reworkable" trophies and rosettes. See his note in this issue and send your "dustcatchers".

Chris Voronovitch is excited about planning the first Champion Bir

NFS SHOW RESULTS 1990

Show results of NFS affiliated clubs and shows where NFS Panel Judges officiated and NFS points were awarded. Please note that Exhibitor Points and Championship Bird Points both follow this same schedule.

Birds in Division	Best	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
20-29	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
30-39	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x	x
40-49	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x
50-59	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x
60-79	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x
80-99	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x
100-119	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	x
120-139	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
140-159	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
160-189	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
190-219	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
220-259	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
260-299	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
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Column headings for this report are as follows:

Placing Exhibitors Name	Member Number	Points Species	Birds NFS band # & year
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AVIARY & CAGE BIRD SOCIETY OF SOUTH FLORIDA Panel Judge, Stephen Hoppin
 August 25, 1990 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 20 exhibitors 152 entries

1	Michael Shupe	288	11	Star Finch	
2	John Dapas	663	10	St. Helena Waxbill	
3	Cindy Patten	425	9	Fawn Zebra Hen	2176C '87
4	John Dapas	663	8	Wh. Brst. Gouldian	
5	Joe McKee	315	7	Strawberry Hen	571B '88
6	Joe McKee	315	6	Lavender Waxbill	
7	Cedar Hill Birds	---	5	Fawn Self Society	
8	Andrea Whiting	649	4	Half-Masked Weaver	
9	Dick Thompson	---	3	Black-breasted Zebra	
10	Rose Gianferara	316	2	Dvl Finch	

BRAZOS VALLEY CAGE BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Cecil Gunby
 August 25, 1990 College Station, TX 8 exhibitors 57 entries

1	Clarence Culwell	72	6	Chestnut Flanked Zebra	
2	Jim Hulsey	1182	5	Fawn Shafttail	
3	Clarence Culwell	72	4	Self Society	
4	Darrin Hill	429	3	Green Singing Finch	
5	Jim Hulsey	1182	2	White Shafttail	
6	Dan & Susan Easter	266,267	1	Cherry Finch	

CENTRAL ALABAMA AVICULTURAL SOCIETY Panel Judge, Earl Courts
 September 1, 1990 Montgomery, AL 6 exhibitors 53 entries

1	B. & W. McCormick	1045,1046	6	Blue-faced Parrot Finch	
2	Cecil Gunby	137	5	Queen Whydah	
3	Cecil Gunby	137	4	Diamond Sparrow	
4	Cecil Gunby	137	3	Starling	
5	Cecil Gunby	137	2	Barbet	
6	B. & W. McCormick	1045,1046	1	Green Singing Finch	

BAY AREA COCKATIEL & CAGE BIRD SHOW Panel Judge, Kenneth Gunby
 September 8, 1990 Houston, TX 7 exhibitors 40 entries

1	Darrin Hill	429	5	Green Singing Finch	
2	Dan & Susan Easter	266,267	4	Cherry Finch	
3	J. & D. Akins	223,224	3	Pied Java	
4	Darrin Hill	429	2	Chestnut Flanked Zebra	
5	Dan & Susan Easter	266,267	1	Star Finch	

CHARLOTTE METROLINA CAGE BIRD SOCIETY
September 8, 1990 Charlotte, NC

Panel Judge, Jon Hoffman
4 exhibitors 65 entries

1	Charles Ballard	214	7	Meiba Finch	
2	B. & W. McCormick	1045,1046	6	Cherry Finch	38640 '89
3	B. & W. McCormick	1045,1046	5	Pagoda Mynah	
4	B. & W. McCormick	1045,1046	4	Star Finch	737C '90
5	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	3	Little Masked Weaver	
6	Cecil Gunby	137	2	Angolan Cordon Bleu	
7	Cecil Gunby	137	1	Timor Sparrow	

CHESTER COUNTY BIRD BREEDERS
September 8, 1990 Valley Forge, PA

Panel Judge, Brenda Geesey
12 exhibitors 61 entries

1	Kris Kroner	551	7	Normal Java	245K '90
2	Rick Szlachta	657	6	Lavender Waxbill	
3	Deb & Brad Clark	873,874	5	Masked Grass Finch	
4	Kris Kroner	551	4	Bronze Wing Mannikin	7216D '89
5	Woody's Bird Farm	---	3	Crimson Pileated	7J '89
6	Kris Kroner	551	2	Magpie Mannikin Pair	180,1826'89
7	Roddy Gabel	236	1	Red-headed Gouldian	

ALAMO EXHIBITION BIRD CLUB
September 15, 1990 San Antonio, TX

Panel Judge, Cecil Gunby
10 exhibitors 68 entries

1	Dan Easter	266	7	Cherry Finch	
2	Clarence Culwell	72	6	Chestnut Flanked Zebra	
3	Liz Marshall	---	5	Shafttail	
4	Clarence Culwell	72	4	Chestnut Flanked Zebra	
5	Jim Hulsey	1182	3	Chestnut Breasted Mannikin	
6	Clarence Culwell	72	2	Crested Fawn & White Society	
7	Mansell & Bushman	1005,1006	1	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	

BIRD CLUB OF GREATER BIRMINGHAM
September 15, 1990 Birmingham, AL

Panel Judge, Harold Bowles
3 exhibitors 20 entries

1	B. & W. McCormick	1045,1046	3	Pagoda Mynah	
2	B. & W. McCormick	1045,1046	2	Star Finch	737C '90
3	B. & W. McCormick	1045,1046	1	Emerald Toucanette	

BIRDS OF A FEATHER AVICULTURAL SOCIETY
September 15, 1990 Auburn, NH

Panel Judge, Brenda Geesey
 10 exhibitors 29 entries

1	Chris Voronovitch	176	3	Black-headed Gouldian	980D '90
2	Chris Voronovitch	176	2	Blue-faced Parrot Finch	
3	Dr. Al Decoteau	8	1	Green Singing Finch	

FINGERLAKES CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION
September 15, 1990 10 exhibitors

Panel Judge, Jon Hoffman
 46 entries

1	Kris Kroner	551	5	Bronze Wing Mannikin	7216D '89
2	Mark Hennekey	828	4	African Silverbill	
3	Kris Kroner	551	3	Pearl-headed Amandine	
4	Jerry McCawley	748	2	Normal Zebra	
5	Lee Povel	---	1	White Java	

GREATER BRANNOON AVIAN SOCIETY, INC.
September 16, 1990 16 exhibitors

Panel Judge, Gerald D'Agata
 95 entries

1	Stephen Hoppin	42	8	Fawn Shafttail	
2	John Dapas	663	7	Aurora (Crimson Wing)	
3	Alfred Males	914	6	Fawn Zebra	
4	John Dapas	663	5	Red-headed Gouldian	
5	Cedar Hill Birds	---	4	Fawn Self Society	
6	John Dapas	663	3	Tri-colored Nun	
7	Stephen Moppin	42	2	Superb Starling	
8	Rose Gianferara	316	1	Red-headed Parrot Finch	

KAYTEE BREAT TEXAS SHOWOFF '90
(NON-AFFILIATED) September 22, 1990

Panel Judge, Clarence Culwell
 17 exhibitors 102 entries

1	Gene & June Miller	109, 410	9	Gouldian	80600 '89
2	Gene & June Miller	109, 410	8	Fire Finch	1236 '87
3	Gene & June Miller	109, 410	7	Society	188E '89
4	Gene & June Miller	109, 410	6	Parrot Finch	
5	Gene & June Miller	109, 410	5	Zebra	1633D '90
6	Michael Tomihama	477	4	Gouldian	565 '88
7	Gene & June Miller	109, 410	3	Star Finch	213C '90
8	Gene & June Miller	109, 410	2	Peters Twinspot	1605D '90
9	Gene & June Miller	109, 410	1	Gouldian	8099D '89

Congratulations June and Gene! 41 points in one show; 8 of the top ten and 7 of them with closed traceable NFS bands. WOW!

NEW ENGLAND SOCIETIES TOGETHER (N.E.S.T.) Panel Judge, William Parlee
 September 22, 1990 Framingham, MA 8 exhibitors 41 entries

1	Deb Clark	874	5	Fawn Shafttail
2	Fiona Brown	586	4	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu
3	Chris Voronovitch	176	3	Black & White Crested Finch
4	Denise Capazzi	668	2	Silver Zebra
3	Denise Capazzi	668	1	Aurora

KAYTEE GREAT AMERICAN BIRD SHOW Panel Judge, Dr. Al Decoteau
 September 22, 1990 Portland, OR 11 exhibitors 37 entries

1	Shirley Perkins	1127	4	Red-headed Gouldian
2	Shirley Perkins	1127	3	Gouldian
3	Dave Holloway	317	2	Red-headed Gouldian
4	Ron & June Marks	567	1	Gouldian

GREATER OMAHA CAGE BIRD SOCIETY Panel Judge, Kenneth Gunby
 September 29, 1990 8 exhibitors 67 entries

1	Gene & June Miller	109,410	7	Chestnut Flanked Zebra	1634D '90
2	Susan Traylor	1039	6	Chocolate Self Society	412E '90
3	Earl Courts	332	5	Shafttail	
4	Gene & June Miller	109,410	4	Fire Finch	123B '87
5	Gary Easterlie	---	3	Crimson Seed Cracker	
6	Tim & Deb Pohlman	---	2	Fawn Zebra	
7	Earl Courts	332	1	Green Singing Finch	

JACKSONVILLE CAGE BIRD SOCIETY Panel Judge, Stephen Hoppin
 September 29, 1990 8 exhibitors 110 entries

1	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	9	Parson Finch	
2	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	8	Violet Eared Waxbill	
3	B. & W. McCormick	1036	7	Cherry Finch	3864D '89
4	Jerri Wiesenfeld	626	6	Bronze-winged Mannikin	
5	Jerri Wiesenfeld	626	5	Orange Bishop Weaver	
6	Jerri Wiesenfeld	626	4	Red-eared Waxbill	
7	Jerri Wiesenfeld	626	3	Chocolate & White Society	
8	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	2	Gray Headed Social Weaver	
9	B. & W. McCormick	1036	1	Pagoda Mynah	

FORT WORTH BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Dr. Al Decoteau
 October 6, 1990 13 exhibitors 112 entries

1	Gene & June Miller	109,410	9	Red-headed Parrot Finch	
2	Gene & June Miller	109,410	8	Red-headed Gouldian	16320 '90
3	Gene & June Miller	109,410	7	Cuban Melodious	378 '89
4	Clarence Culwell	72	6	Normal Zebra	
5	Gene & June Miller	109,410	5	Self Fawn Society	305E '86
6	Clarence Culwell	72	4	Chestnut Flanked Zebra	
7	Gene & June Miller	109,410	3	Black-headed Gouldian	16860 '90
8	Gene & June Miller	109,410	2	Peters Twin Spot	16050 '90
9	Sarah Goodrich	231	1	Self Society	124E '88

SOUTH JERSEY BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Conrad Meinert
 October 6, 1990 13 exhibitors 76 entries

1	Daniel Lannetti	---	7	Red-headed Gouldian	
2	Kris Kroner	551	6	Pearl-headed Amandine	
3	Kris Kroner	551	5	Chestnut Breasted Mannikin	
4	Rick Szlachta	657	4	Black Breasted Zebra	89240 '90
5	Kris Kroner	551	3	Strawberry Finch	
6	Gerry Cipriano	---	2	Siberian Siskin	
7	Kris Kroner	551	1	Silver Eared Mesia	

SUM COAST AVIAN SOCIETY Panel Judge, Ray Johnson
 October 6, 1990 15 exhibitors 87 entries

1	Joe McKee	315	8	Red-headed Gouldian	
2	Stephen Noppin	42	7	Bamboo Parrot Finch	
3	Al Males	914	6	Zebra	
4	Carlos Serralee, Jr.	---	5	Violet Eared Waxbill	
5	Al Males	914	4	Society	
6	Jim Thomas	784	3	Yellow Breasted Bunting	
7	Stephen Noppin	42	2	Black-cheeked Waxbill	
8	Stephen Noppin	42	1	Normal Shafttail	

MID-AMERICAN CAGE BIRD SHOW Panel Judge, Paul Williams
 October 6, 1990 Des Moines, IA 16 exhibitors 119 entries

1	Tom Rood	43	9	Shafttail	838C '90
2	Tom Rood	43	8	Shafttail	856C '90
3	Geraldine Galliard	---	7	Chocolate & White Society	
4	Tom Rood	43	6	Pair Normal Zebras	35C'86,363C'87
5	Gary Easterlie	---	5	Crimson Seed Cracker	

(Mid-American CB, con'td.)

6	Tom Rood	43	4	Pair Self Choc. Society	800,801C'90
7	Linda Young	---	3	Whydah	
8	Tom Rood	43	2	Dilute Society	87C '89
9	E. & S. Traylor	1039,1040	1	Orange-cheek Waxbill	

PENINSULA CAGE BIRD SOCIETY
October 6, 1990 Hampton, VA

Panel Judge, Kenneth Gunby
5 exhibitors 40 entries

1	Bradford Clark	873	5	Shafttail	
2	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	4	White Zebra	
3	Bradford Clark	873	3	Masked Grass Finch	
4	Bradford Clark	873	2	Society	
5	Bradford Clark	873	1	Society	

CAPITOL CITY CAGE BIRD CLUB
October 13, 1990 Austin, TX

Panel Judge, Harold Bowles
5 exhibitors 31 entries

1	Dan & Susan Easter	266,267	4	Shafttail	
2	Oarrin Hill	429	3	Parson	
3	Liz Marshall	---	2	Shafttail	
4	Darrin Hill	429	1	White Java	

CLEVELAND CAGE BIRD SOCIETY
October 13, 1990 Parma, OH

Panel Judge, Jon Hoffman
8 exhibitors 45 entries

1	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	5	Grey-headed Social Weaver	
2	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	4	Orange Weaver	
3	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	3	Red-billed Quelea	
4	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	2	Violet Eared Waxbill	
5	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	1	Little-masked Weaver	

HEART OF DIXIE CANARY & FINCH CLUB
October 13, 1990

Panel Judge, Clarence Culwell
3 exhibitors 22 entries

1	Jerri Wiesenfeld	626	3	Red-cheeked Cordon Bleu	
2	Jerri Wiesenfeld	626	2	White Java	593K '89
3	Jerri Wiesenfeld	626	1	Bronze Wing Mannikin	

INDIANA BIRD FANCIERS
October 13, 1990 Ft. Wayne, IN

Panel Judge, Dr. Val Clear
52 entries

1	Jan Marcott	619	6	Green Singing Finch	598 '89
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(Indiana Bird Fanciers, contd.)

2	C. & D. Niegle	563,566	5	Cherry Finch	2350
3	Patrick Vance	908	4	Cordon Bleu	
4	Jan Narcott	619	3	Normal Zebra	277 '90
5	Melanie Deal	---	2	Java	
6	Jan Narcott	619	1	Fawn Zebra Finch Pair	2751,2755'90

KANSAS AVICULTURAL SOCIETY
October 13, 1990 Wichita, KS

Panel Judge, Kenneth Gunby
4 exhibitors 15 entries

1	Jeff Johnson	1049	---	Silverbill	
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NEW HAMPSHIRE AVICULTURAL SOCIETY
October 13, 1990 Nashua, NH

Panel Judge, Daren Decoteau
9 exhibitors 32 entries

1	Chris Voronovitch	176	4	Blue-faced Parrot Finch	
2	Dianna Smith	661	3	Shafttail	14190 '90
3	Chris Voronovitch	176	2	Melba	
4	Chris Voronovitch	176	1	Black Crested Finch	

SUNSHINE STATE CAGE BIRD SOCIETY
October 13, 1990 Orlando, FL

Panel Judge, Cecil Gunby
32 exhibitors 156 entries

1	Dale Laird	490	11	Shafttail	
2	Felipe Bonilla, Jr.	484	10	Chestnut Flanked Zebra	235 '90
3	Stephen Hoppin	42	9	Black Cheeked Waxbill	
4	Joe McKee	315	8	Strawberry Finch	571B '88
5	Alfred Nales	914	7	Fawn Zebra	732
6	Jin Thomas	784	6	Pekin Robin	
7	Jin Thomas	784	5	Collared Seedeater	
8	Richard Ulrich	1199	4	Violet Eared Waxbill	
9	Felipe Bonilla, Jr.	484	3	Fawn Zebra	2857 '90
10	Dennis Lewis	449	2	White Java	

BALTIMORE BIRD FANCIERS 50TH ANNUAL SHOW
October 20, 1990 Towson, MD

Panel Judge, Roddy Gabel
18 exhibitors 136 entries

1	Brenda Geesey	180	10	Black Crested Finch	1753E '88
2	Kris Kroner	551	9	Bronze-wing Mannikin	7216D '89
3	Kris Kroner	551	8	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	
4	Kris Kroner	551	7	White-hooded Nun	
5	Kris Kroner	551	6	Normal Java	245K '90
6	Kris Kroner	551	5	Pair Magpie Mannikins	180,1826'89
7	Brenda Geesey	180	4	Blue-grey Tanager	

(Baltimore Bird Fanciers con'td)

8	Edward Czarnetzky	920	3	Owl Finch
9	Deb and Brad Clark	873,874	2	Chocolate Society
10	Rick Szlachta	657	1	St. Helena Waxbill

BREATER KANSAS CITY AVICULTURAL SOCIETY Panel Judge, Paul Williams
October 20, 1990 Kansas City, MO 9 exhibitors 79 entries

1	Tom Rood	43	7	Fawn Shafttail	856 '90
2	Gene & June Miller	109,410	6	Chestnut Flanked Zebra	1634 '90
3	Gene & June Miller	109,410	5	Fire Finch Pair	123 '87
4	Gene & June Miller	109,410	4	Blue-faced Parrot Finch	
5	Gene & June Miller	109,410	3	Peters Twin Spot	1605 '90
6	Tom Rood	43	2	Dilute Society	87 '89
7	Tom Rood	43	1	Society Pair	800.801 '90

GULF SOUTH BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, William Parlee
October 20, 1990 New Orleans, LA 10 exhibitors 50 entries

1	Cecil Gunby	137	6	Bearded Reisling
2	Barbara Loverde	---	5	Red-headed Gouldian
3	Barbara Loverde	---	4	Normal Java
4	Jimmy Berch	---	3	Straw-tail Whydah Pair
5	Cecil Gunby	137	2	Fawn Zebra
6	Cecil Gunby	137	1	Melba

MASSACHUSETTS CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION Panel Judge, Ray Johnson
October 20, 1990 Mansfield, MA 12 exhibitors 45 entries

1	Russ Armitage, JR.	7	5	Chestnut Flanked Zebra	155C '87
2	Jan Thomas	610	4	Shafttail	
3	Dianna Smith	661	3	Penguin Zebra Pair	
4	Dianna Smith	661	2	Society	
5	Chris Voronovitch	176	1	Black Crested Finch	

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CAGE BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Stephen Hoppin
October 27, 1990 Mechanicsburg, PA 15 exhibitors 120 entries

1	Kris Kroner	551	10	Normal Java	245K '90
2	Brenda Geesey	180	9	Blue-grey Tanager	
3	Tom Adams	581	8	Violet Eared Waxbill	
4	Tom Adams	581	7	Black Cheeked Waxbill	
5	Kris Kroner	551	6	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	
6	Brenda Geesey	180	5	Black Crested Finch	1753E '88

(Central Pennsylvania con'td)

7	Jerry McCawley	748	4	Normal Zebra	
8	Rick Sziachta	657	3	Cherry Finch	
9	Kris Kroner	551	2	Bronze-wing Nannikin	7216D '89
10	Noody's Bird Farm	---	1	Barbet	

FRESNO CANARY AND FINCH CLUB
October 27, 1990 Madera, CA

Panel Judge, Marty von Raesfeld
exhibitors 163 entries

1	Alvin & Dixie Lea	623	12	Blue Capped Cordon Bleu	
2	Brian Manderich	356	11	Green Singing Finch	
3	Richard Lujan	466	10	Star Finch	
4	Richard Lujan	466	9	Dilute Chocolate Society	
5	Richard Lujan	466	8	White-hooded Nun	
6	Richard Lujan	466	7	Paradise Mhydah	
7	Charlena Sutherland	583	6	Ringneck Dove	
8	Jerry Narston	457	5	Fawn Zebra	
9	Brian Manderich	356	4	Fire Finch	
10	Richard Lujan	466	3	Saffron Finch	

GOLD COAST EXOTIC BIRD CLUB
October 27, 1990 West Palm Beach, FL

Panel Judge, Kenneth Gunby
13 exhibitors 75 entries

1	Cedar Hill Birds	---	7	Combassou	
2	Cindy Patten	425	6	Shafttail	
3	John Dapas	663	5	Tri-color Nun	
4	Roberta Goren	424	4	Pair Violet Eared Waxbills	
5	Cindy Patten	425	3	Chestnut Flanked Black-breast Zebra	
6	Joe McKee	315	2	Lavender	
7	John Dapas	663	1	White Brstd. Gouldian	

GREATER NEW ENGLAND CAGE BIRD SOCIETY
October 27, 1990 East Hartford, CT

Panel Judge, Cecil Gunby
7 exhibitors 58 entries

1	Chris Voronovitch	176	6	Black Crested Finch	
2	Jeff Brissette	627	5	Lavender	
3	Chris Voronovitch	176	4	Blue-faced Parrot Finch	
4	Dianna Smith	661	3	Fawn Zebra	
5	Chris Voronovitch	176	2	Black-headed Gouldian	980D '90
6	Fiona Brown	586	1	Blue Capped Cordon Bleu	

MIDDLE TENNESSEE CAGE BIRD CLUB
October 27, 1990 Nashville, TN

Panel Judge, Earl Courts
9 exhibitors 35 entries

(Middle Tennessee con'td)

1	B. & W. McCormick	1045,1046	4	Paradise Whydah
2	Conrad Meinert	135	3	Superb Starling
3	B. & W. McCormick	1045,1046	2	Red-headed Parrot Finch
4	B. & W. McCormick	1045,1046	1	Pagoda Mynah

NOTOR CITY BIRD BREEDERS

October 27, 1990 Detroit, MI

Panel Judge, Ray Johnson
8 exhibitors 52 entries

1	Patrick Vance	908	6	Fawn Shafttail
2	Karen Kanine	1080	5	Starling
3	C. & D. Wiegale	563	4	Fire Finch
4	Diane Randolph	1188	3	Green-back Twinspot
5	Tony Camilleri	---	2	Linnet
6	Tony Camilleri	---	1	Greenfinch

OKLAHOMA CAGE BIRD SOCIETY

October 27, 1990 Tulsa, OK

Panel Judge, Rita O'Dell
6 exhibitors 60 entries

1	Gene & June Miller	109,410	7	Orange-headed Gouldian	8094 '89
2	Gene & June Miller	109,410	6	Fire Finch Pair	123 '87
3	Gene & June Miller	109,410	5	Normal Star Pair	229,233 '90
4	Gene & June Miller	109,410	4	Cuban Melodious	37 '87
5	Earl Courts	365	3	Blue Capped Cordon Bleu	
6	Gene & June Miller	109,410	2	Red-headed Gouldian	1714 '86
7	Gene & June Miller	109,410	1	Self Fawn Society	188 '89

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SOCIETY OF AVICULTURE

October 27, 1990 Denver, CO

Panel Judge, Martha Wigmore
9 exhibitors 65 entries

1	Anna Sinclair	519	7	Fawn Pied Zebra	338D '90
2	Teri McAuliffe	343	6	Lavender	
3	Donald Locke	745	5	Masked Weaver	
4	Gail Stahlman	865	4	Choc. & Wh. Crested Society	2035E '90
5	Donald Locke	745	3	Chaffinch	
6	Joe Heard	743	2	Diamond Sparrow	2882D '88
7	Anna Sinclair	519	1	Phaeo Zebra	3371D '90

LAS VEGAS AVICULTURAL SOCIETY

October 28, 1990 Las Vegas, NV

Panel Judge, Hal M. Koontz
8 exhibitors 31 entries

1	F. & G. D'Lack	---	4	Pekin Robin
2	Don Kyker	113	3	Melba
3	John Rice	893	2	Toco Toucan

4	John Rice	B93	1	European Green Finch	
DIXIELAND BIRD CLUB				Panel Judge, Ray Johnson	
November 3, 1990 Greenville, SC				2 exhibitors	26 entries
1	B. & W. McCormick	1045,1046	3	Pagoda Wynah	
2	B. & W. McCormick	1045,1046	2	Cherry Finch	3B64D '89
3	B. & W. McCormick	1045,1046	1	Pintail Wonpariel	
EXOTIC BIRD CLUB OF FLORIDA				Panel Judge, Cecil Gunby	
November 3, 1990 Palm Bay, FL				13 exhibitors	89 entries
1	John Dapas	663	8	Red-headed Gouldian	
2	John Dapas	663	7	White Breast. Gouldian	
3	Jim Thomas	784	6	Pekin Robin	
4	John Dapas	663	5	Crimson Pileated	4976D '90
5	Ellen Lowman	339	4	Combassou	
6	Jerri Wiesenfeld	626	3	White Java	593 '89
7	Jim Thomas	784	2	Collared Seedcracker	
8	Jim Thomas	784	1	Ashy-headed Starling	
GOLDEN GATE AVIAN SOCIETY				Panel Judge, Hal M. Koontz	
November 3, 1990 Livermore, CA				20 exhibitors	120 entries
1	Richard Lujon	466	10	Scaly Crowned Weaver	
2	Mary Payne	380	9	Senegal Fire Finch	
3	Dixie Lea	623	8	Shafttail	
4	Bob Matthews	---	7	Star Finch	
5	Mary Payne	380	6	Black-headed Gouldian	
6	Christine McBride	---	5	Pearl-headed Silverbill	
7	Mary Payne	380	4	Black cheeked Waxbill	
8	Richard Lujon	466	3	European Goldfinch	
9	Mary Payne	380	2	Normal Zebra	
10	Richard Lujon	466	1	Strawberry	
GREATER CHICAGO CAGE BIRD CLUB				Panel Judge, Daren Decoteau	
November 3, 1990				18 exhibitors	101 entries
1	Patrick Vance	90B	9	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	
2	Sandee Gregorich	68B	8	Shafttail	94C '89
3	C. & D. Wiegale	563	7	Society	335E '89
4	R. & J. Zeigler	---	6	Rufous Tree Pie	
5	Andrea Supler	60B	5	Pied Zebra	3223D '90
6	Melanie Deal	---	4	Normal Java	
7	Sue & Bob Rahe	863,864	3	Violet-eared Waxbill	

(Greater Chicago con'td)

8	Sandee Gregorich	688	2	St. Melena	
9	Patrice Ripple	904	1	Society	2531E '89

GREATER PITTSBURGH CAGE BIRD CLUB
November 3, 1990 Washington, PA

Panel Judge, Brenda Geesey
19 exhibitors 85 entries

1	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	8	Gouldian	
2	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	7	Parson	
3	Pat & Mary Krichten	741,742	6	Red-Cheek Cordon Bleu	268 '89
4	Buz Williams	587	5	Normal Java	
5	Pat & Mary Krichten	741, 742	4	Choc. Society	963 '89
6	S. Hartwell & M. Jonnet		3	Ringneck Dove	
7	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	2	Spice Finch	
8	Claire McBride	---	1	Pied Diamond Dove	

LOS ANGELES COMBINED BIRD CLUBS
November 3, 1990 Laundale, CA

Panel Judge, Brian Manderich
7 exhibitors 21 entries

1	Rita Holmes	987	3	Shafttail	
2	Bill Echt	---	2	Barbet	
3	Bill Echt	---	1	Greenfinch	

MIO-MICHIGAN BIRD CLUB
November 3, 1990 Perry, MI

Panel Judge, Jon Hoffman
7 exhibitors 38 entries

1	MaryLou Terwilliger	648	4	White Java	6 '85
2	Patrick Vance	908	3	Red-headed Gouldian	
3	Karen Kanine	1080	2	Common Starling	
4	MaryLou Terwilliger	648	1	Normal Java	58 '88

MISSOURI CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION
November 3, 1990 Eureka, MO

Panel Judge, Earl Courts
13 exhibitors 99 entries

1	Tom Rood	43	8	Normal Zebra	302C '89
2	Tom Rood	43	7	Shafttail	
3	Tom Rood	43	6	Gouldian	7389D '89
4	Jan Marcott	619	5	Green Singer	
5	Tom Rood	43	4	Dilute Society	87E '89
6	Tom Rood	43	3	Green Singer	
7	Dennis Burhans	430	2	Shafttail	407C '88
8	Tom Rood	43	1	Fawn Zebra	10040 '88

SAN DIEGO BIRD CLUB, INC.
November 3, 1990 Del Mar, CA

Panel Judge, Joe Krader
14 exhibitors 53 entries

1	Erol Kilki	---	6	Red-headed Gouldian	
2	Bill Novickas	327	5	Fawn Zebra	2067D '90
3	Bill Novickas	327	4	Fawn Shafttail	1986D '89
4	Bill Kearns	---	3	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	
5	John Rice	---	2	Toco Toucan	
6	Rich Tylski	---	1	Tri-colored Nun	

TEXAS BIRD BREEDERS
November 3, 1990 Killeen, TX

Panel Judge, Clarence Culwell
5 exhibitors 47 entries

1	Dan & Susan Easter	266,267	5	Shafttail	
2	Sarab Goodrich	231	4	Cordon Bleu	
3	Dan & Susan Easter	266, 267	3	Red-beaded Gouldian	
4	Darrin Hill	429	2	Normal Java	
5	Darrin Hill	429	1	Parson	

BIRD FANCIERS OF OKLAHOMA
November 10, 1990 Oklahoma City, OK

Panel Judge, Laura Bewley
6 exhibitors 35 entries

1	John Hilyard	1022	4	Twinspot	
2	Gene & June Miller	109,410	3	Normal Star	234 '90
3	John Hilyard	1022	2	Orange-cheeked Waxbill	
4	Gene & June Miller	109,410	1	Black-headed Gouldian	1686 '90

CAPITOL AREA AVICULTURAL SOCIETY
November 10, 1990 Baton Rouge, LA

Panel Judge, Conrad Heinert
5 exhibitors 26 entries

1	Barbara LaVerde	---	3	Red-headed Gouldian	
2	Barbara LaVerde	---	2	Normal Java	
3	Barbara LaVerde	---	1	Pair, Red-headed Gouldians	

CAPITOL CITY BIRD SOCIETY
November 10, 1990 Carmichael, CA

Panel Judge, Clayton Jones
9 exhibitors 38 entries

1	John Boswell	47B	4	White-hooded Nun	
2	Richard Pizzurro	1053	3	Star Finch	
3	Fred Nomen	---	2	Star Finch	
4	Fred Nomen	---	1	Gouldian	

COLORADO CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION

November 10, 1990 Colorado Springs, CO

Panel Judge, Clarence Culwell

12 exhibitors 82 entries

1	Anna Sinclair	519	8	Choc. & White Society	767E '90
2	Don Locke	745	7	Masked Weaver	
3	Joe Heard	743	6	Cherry Finch	987C '89
4	Martha Wigmore	154	5	Choc. & White Society	1693E '89
5	Phyllis Kehayas	---	4	Red-headed Gouldian	
6	Don Locke	745	3	Chaffinch	
7	Carolyn Luna	---	2	Green Singer	
8	Anna Sinclair	519	1	Fawn Zebra	3377D '90

DELAWARE VALLEY BIRD CLUB

November 10, 1990 Creamery, PA

Panel Judge, Roddy Gabel

6 exhibitors 43 entries

1	Kris Kroner	551	5	Bronze-winged Mannikin	7216D '89
2	Kris Kroner	551	4	Normal Java	245K '90
3	Rick Sziachta	657	3	St. Helena	
4	Kris Kroner	551	2	Pair, Maggie Mannikins	180,1B2D '89
5	Kris Kroner	551	1	Rufous-backed Mannikin	

HONOLULU CANARY AND FINCH CLUB

November 10, 1990 Honolulu, HI

Panel Judge, Joe Krader

8 exhibitors 55 entries

1	F. & L. Chang	1088	6	Dilute Gouldian	
2	Ken Johnson	125	5	Fisher Nhydah	
3	Noboyuki Igarashi	---	4	Star Finch	
4	F. & L. Chang	1088	3	Red-headed Gouldian	
5	Nobuyuki Igarashi	---	2	Fire Finch	
6	Sumio Ito	---	1	White-breasted Gouldian	

MARYLAND CAGE BIRD SOCIETY

November 10, 1990 Frederick, MD

Panel Judge, Ray Johnson

9 exhibitors 70 entries

1	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	7	Parson	
2	Tom Adams	581	6	Violet-eared Naxbill	
3	Woody's Bird Farm	---	5	Pintail Non-pareil	
4	Pat & Mary Krichten	741,742	4	Choc. & White Society	1105E '90
5	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	3	Normal Zebra	2294D '90
6	Deb & Brad Clark	873,874	2	Owl Finch	
7	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	1	Pair, Yellow-faced Stars	180,211C '89

MID-NEST CAGE BIRD CLUB

November 10, 1990 Nestland, MI

Panel Judge, Dr. Val Clear

14 exhibitors 58 entries

(Mid-West Cage Bird con'td)

1	Karen Kanine	1080	6	Common Starling
2	Patrick Vance	908	5	White-breasted Gouldian
3	Patrick Vance	908	4	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu
4	Bro. Anthony Micheal	147	3	Green Singer
5	Karen Kanine	1080	2	Common Starling
6	Bob and Dolly	---	1	Pied Zebra

ROCHESTER CAGE BIRD CLUB

November 10, 1990 Rochester, NY

Panel Judge, Daren Decoteau
6 exhibitors 46 entries

1	V & R. Steffenhagen	240	5	Cutthroat
2	Barbara Whiteford	557	4	Fawn Shafttail
3	Mark Hennekey	828	3	Normal Zebra
4	Barbara Whiteford	557	2	Fischer's Whydah
5	Steve Janczak	709	1	Red-headed Gouldian

MARYLAND CAGE BIRD SOCIETY

November 11, 1990 Frederick, MD

Panel Judge, Brenda Geesey
10 exhibitors 85 entries

1	Toa Adams	581	8	Violet-eared Waxbill	
2	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	7	Parson	
3	Kris Kroner	551	6	Normal Java	245K '90
4	Kris Kroner	551	5	Bronze-winged Mannikin	7216D '89
5	Pat & Mary Krichten	741,742	4	Dilute Society	1111E '90
6	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	3	Normal Zebra	2294D '90
7	Ralph Troutwein	108	2	Chestnut Flanked Zebra	
8	Rick Szlachta	657	1	Olive finch	

NATIONAL CAGE BIRD SHOW, INC.

November 16, 1990 Atlanta, GA

Panel Judge, Joe Krader
248 entries

1	Robert Zeigler	---	14	Rufous Tree Pie	
2	Tom Rood	43	13	Dilute Society	87E '89
3	Gene & June Miller	109,410	12	Yellow-faced Star Finch	192C '89
4	John Oapas	663	11	European Goldfinch	
5	Alfred Males, Jr.	914	10	Zebra Finch	
6	Jerri Niesenfeld	626	9	White-hooded Nun	
7	Jerri Niesenfeld	626	8	White Java	593K '89
8	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	7	Melba	
9	Tom Rood	43	6	Pair, Normal Zebras	350'86, 3400D'90
10	John Dapas	663	5	Crimson Pileated	

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CAGE BIRD CLUB
November 17, 1990 Turlock, CA

Panel Judge, Marty von Raesfeld
69 entries

1	Alvin & Dixie Lea	623	7	African Silverbill	
2	Alvin & Dixie Lea	623	6	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	
3	Steve & Mary Payne	380	5	Black-cheeked Naxbill	
4	Alvin & Dixie Lea	623	4	Shafttail	
5	Steve & Mary Payne	380	3	Fire Finch	2040 '88
6	Steve & Mary Payne	380	2	Normal Zebra	1181 '88
7	Sharon Johnson	595	1	Chestnut Flanked Zebra	

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RED-ORANGE CANARIES Panel Judge, Conrad Neinert
November 24, 1990 Elk Grove Village, IL 13 exhibitors 75 entries

1	Tom Rood	43	7	Shafttail	
2	Tom Rood	43	6	Normal Zebra	
3	Bob & Sue Rahe	---	5	Violet-eared Naxbill	
4	Andrea Supler	608	4	White-breasted Gouldian	32130 '90
5	Noss Aviary	---	3	Mynah	
6	Patrice Ripple	904	2	Choc. & White Society	2531E '89
7	Jan Marcott	619	1	Green Singer	

NEW ENGLAND FINCH FANCIERS
November 24, 1990 East Hartford, CT

Panel Judge, William Parlee
21 exhibitors 145 entries

1	Brenda Geesey	180	11	Violet-eared Naxbill	
2	Brad & Deb Clark	873,874	10	Naked Grassfinch	
3	Kris Kroner	551	9	Moluccan Mannikin	
4	Brenda Geesey	180	8	Blue-grey Tanager	
5	Brenda Geesey	180	7	Shafttail	
6	Pat & Mary Krichten	741,742	6	Fawn & White Society	1114E '90
7	Jeff Brissette	627	5	Normal Zebra	
8	Rick Sziachta	657	4	Olive finch	
9	Niki Spartzak	1027	3	Nelba	
10	Kathy Hemenway	117	2	Chaffinch	

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CANARY & EXOTIC BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Joe Krader
November 24, 1990 Sunnyvale, CA

14 exhibitors 136 entries

1	Marty von Raesfeld	465	10	Fairy Bluebird	
2	Fred Nomen	---	9	Red-headed Gouldian	
3	Kevin Spjut	1108	8	White-hooded Nun	
4	Neil & Jan Crowley	---	7	Chestnut Flanked Zebra	

(Santa Clara Valley con'td)

5	Anita Lujan	466	6	Purple Grenadler
6	Marty von Raesfeld	465	5	Red-crested Cardinal
7	Steve Payne	380	4	Pair, Red-headed Gouldians
8	Marty von Raesfeld	465	3	Fishers Whydah
9	Alvin & Dixie Lea	623	2	Mutation Diamond dove
10	Fred Momen	---	1	Star Finch

AVIARY ASSOCIATION OF KERN COUNTY
December 1, 1990 Bakersfield, CA

Panel Judge, Marty von Raesfeld
13 exhibitors 84 entries

1	Alvin & Dixie Lea	623	8	Scaly-crowned Weaver	
2	Hal Koontz	207	7	Shafttail	
3	Mary Payne	380	6	Black-cheeked Waxbill	
4	Hal Koontz	207	5	Cherry Finch	
5	Alvin & Dixie Lea	623	4	White-hooded Nun	
6	Mary Payne	380	3	Fawn Zebra	7354D '89
7	Hal Koontz	207	2	Black-headed Gouldian	
8	Alvin & Dixie Lea	623	1	Paradise Whydah	

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NFS CHAMPION BIRDS - A QUEST

by Dr. Al Decoteau

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In 1989, we began a quest for the first NFS Champion bird. We are looking for a bird that is banded with an NFS closed band, (or another traceable closed band registered with NFS) that has accumulated a total of 50 points in it's show career, under NFS Panel Judges.

In 1990, there were some finches that came close. Will the first NFS Champion bird be a Society Finch? Currently, a Society is in the lead. The top twelve are owned by 6 different NFS members and here they are!

exhibitor	band size, # & year	species	total points
Tom Rood	E-87-'89	Society	37
Kris Kroner	G-180-'89	Magpie Mannikin	34
Kris Kroner	G-182-'89	Magpie Mannikin	34
Kris Kroner	K-245-'90	Java	33
Tom Rood	C-302-'87	Zebra	33
Kris Kroner	D-7216-'89	Bronze-wing Mannikin	25
Gene & June Miller	C-192-'89	Yellow-faced Star	23
Gene & June Miller	B-123-'87	Fire Finch	23
Joe McKee	B-571-'88	Strawberry Finch	15
Brenda Geesey	E-1783-'88	Black Crested Finch	15
Bob & Wanda McCormick	D-3864-'89	Cherry Finch	15
Tom Rood	C-8560-'90	Fawn Shafttail	15

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE FINE BIRDS AND EXHIBITORS !

As you see, there are several birds that are close to the 50 points needed, and several 'ties' in the standings. The 1991 show season should be very lively! 1991 should see the first NFS Champion bird and our Awards Director, Chris Voronovitch, is already planning a fine presentation!

A list of all birds with 5 points and over, (in alphabetical order by exhibitor's name) follows. The dedicated exhibitors on this list deserve our praise and thanks. Best wishes to all of them and their birds.

Jose Aleman	E-603-'88	Cherry Finch	8
Russ Armitage, Jr.	C-155-'87	Chestnut-flanked Zebra Cock	13
Felipe Bonilla	C-235-'90	Chestnut-flanked Zebra	10
John Dapas	D-4976-'90	Crimson Pileated Finch	5

Birds Points List

Brenda Geesey	E-1753-'88	Black Crested Finch	15
Sandee Gregorich	C-94-'89	Shafttail	8
Joe Heard	C-987-89	Cherry Finch	6
Pat & Mary Krichten	E-962-'89	Society	9
	8-261-'89	Strawberry	8
	8-268-'89	Cordon Bleu	6
	E-1114-'90	Fawn & White Society	6
Kris Kroner	G-180-'89	Maggie Mannikin	34
	6-182-'89	Maggie Mannikin	34
	K-245-'90	Java	33
	D-7216-'89	Bronze-winged Mannikin	25
Jerry Marston	D-2-'90	Fawn Zebra hen	5
Bob & Wanda McCormick	D-3864-'89	Cherry Finch	15
	C-737-'90	Star	6
Joe McKee	8-571-88	Strawberry hen	15
Bro. Anthony Michael	D-452-'89	Fawn Zebra	9
	C-795-'86	Green Singer	5
Gene & June Miller	C-192-'89	Yellow-faced Star	23
	B-123-'87	Fire Finch	23
	E-305-'86	Society	14
	8-37-'89	Cuban Melodious	13
	D-1634-'90	Chestnut-flanked Zebra	13
	C-175-'89	Star	11
	D-8060-'89	Gouldian	9
	E-188-'89	Society	8
	D-1632-'90	Gouldian	8
	D-8094-'89	Gouldian	7
	C-229-'90	Star	5
	C-233-'90	Star	5
	D-1633-'90	Zebra	5
Al Nales	D-732-'90	Fawn Zebra	7
William Novickas	D-2067-'90	Fawn Zebra	5
Cindy Patten	C-2176-'87	Fawn Zebra hen	9
Tom Rood	E-87-'89	Society	37
	C-302-'87	Zebra	33
	C-856-'90	Fawn Shafttail	15
	C-838-'90	Shafttail	9
	E-54-'87	Society	7
	D-7389-'89	Red-headed Gouldian	6
	C-35-'86	Zebra	6
	C-363-'87	Zebra	6

Birds Points List

Tom Rood, (con'td.)	C-800-'90	Self Chocolate Society	5
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Anna Sinclair	E-767-'90	Chocolate & White Society	8
	D-3381-'90	Fawn Pied Zebra hen	7
	E-443-'89	Society	5
	8-262-'88	Cordon Bleu	5
Andrea Supler	0-3223-'90	Pied Silver Zebra	5
Rick Szlachta	C-41-'88	Yellow-faced Star	9
Elbert Traylor	E-412-'90	Society	6
Chris Voronovitch	0-980-'90	Black-headed Gouldian	5
Oave & Kathy Wiegale	E-355-'89	Society	11
Jerri Wiesenfeld	K-593-'89	White Java	10
Martha Wigmore	E-789-'88	Chocolate & White Society	7
	A-212-'88	Gold Breasted Waxbill	6
	E-1693-'89	Chocolate & White Society	5
Sandra Woosnam	C-1145-'89	Indian Silverbill	5
Marvin & Tina Yoder	0-143-'89	White Zebra	10
	0-2294-'90	Normal Zebra	6

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67 shows in 1990 were held by affiliated clubs and/or judged by WFS Panel Judges. Of these,

11 times Gouldians got the top spot and
11 times Shafttails won, 4 times these were fawn mutations.
6 times Zebras commanded the top spot and
3 times Javas got it. One of those was a white.

Species that won the top award twice include:

Blue capped Waxbill	Blue-faced Parrot
Violet Ear Waxbill	Green Singer
Black Crested Finch	Bronze Wing Mannikin
African Silverbill	Pagoda Mynah
Melba	

Only six times softbills were top birds. In addition to the Pagoda we had as top birds:

Fairy Bluebird	Rufous Tree Pie
Pekin Robin	Common Starling

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PROPOSED STAR FINCH STANDARD

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Submitted for the consideration of the membership by the committee. Comments and constructive criticism should be directed to:

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CONFORMATION: 59 points
CONDITION: 25 points
COLOR & MARKINGS: 29 points
REPORTMENT & PRESENTATION: 5 points

CONFORMATION 59 POINTS

Head and body 25 points

The head of the Star Finch shall be rounded and taper gently and smoothly into the back without any depression or nip of the neck. The head of the cock bird will be more flat at the top.

The body, approaching 4" in length, includes the short 1 1/4" tail. The body must not be snakey in appearance but shall be muscular about the shoulders and chest, tapering trialy to the tail area. The muscular appearance of the bird must not be confused with the cobby appearance suggested in the standard of other birds. Full but trim may be the best description of the body.

Wings 15 points

The wings of the Star Finch shall be carried tightly to the body and must not hang down or puff out from the body. The wings must meet neatly at the base of the tail.

Tail 19 points

The tail of the Star Finch shall be of a 1 1/4" length. It shall taper slightly and should appear compact. It should not fan or appear uneven.

CONDITION: 25 POINTS

The Star Finch should not be considered to be a finch that is easily kept and should have an appearance of top condition. It should therefore not be dull, but should appear to have a clean, satin-like appearance. All feathers must be clean and neat, no fraying or misplaced feathers should be present. Walls

PROPOSED STAR FINCH STANDARD continued

and beaks must be clean and of proper length. Eyes should be round, dark and bright.

COLOR & MARKINGS: 20 POINTS

Cock: The beak is bright red and spreads over the facial area of the forehead, throat and cheeks. This bright red must in the cock bird, extend to completely encircle the eye. The upper body is olive with some dull red-brown on the tail and rose red on the uppertail coverts where a few white spots tinged with red will occur. The underside of the tail is a dull grayish shade. Feet and legs are of flesh coloration. The upper chest and lower throat are olive changing to bright yellow approaching the tail. The yellow fades gradually in abdominal areas through the undertail coverts. The face and chest are superimposed with white spots which are small on the facial area and larger and further apart as they radiate into the chest area.

Hen: The beak is bright red but the red on the forehead of the female is not as extensive. The bright yellow on the chest is less vivid and all other colors as in the male will not be of the same intensity.

DEPORTMENT & PRESENTATION 5 POINTS

The Star Finch should remain fairly calm in the show cage. It should perch alertly and at a 45 degree angle. The Star Finch should also display a degree of inquisitiveness when being judged.

MUTATIONS

PIED: The Pied Star Finch will have areas of white feathering about the back feathers, pied markings on the chest or facial areas will be frowned. Symmetry of markings will be more important than the degree of piedness. Ideally the pied markings on the back parts should be 50% white and 50% base color.

YELLOW-FACED: Same as normal bird but red on beak, forehead, and facial areas is replaced by a bright yellow-orange color. This color should be of more intensity than the red on the normal bird.

Submitted by the Star Finch Standard Committee.

Millie B. Parlee, Chairman
Clarence Culwell, Panel Judge
Gene L. Miller, Breeder.

Text and final wording agreed upon by all Committee members.

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HIS HOLINESS AND THE LITTLE BIRDS

by Les Gibson

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"Oh! Oh!" you say. "Not another of those religious articles in the Bulletin, ending in a pitch for funds." Hell, of course, it's true that our fearless editor has been heard regularly to beseech God for more funds (with mixed results) but it's not about that.

"Well then," you say, "it must be the 392nd rewrite of the 'Life of St. Francis of Assisi', he was big on the little birds". Wrong again.

It is in fact about the Gyalwa Karmapa Lama (his title, not his name). He is the number 2, after the Dalai himself. Whenever he visits the Tibetan buddhist churches that have been established in North America (about every four years or so) he drops in to see our unworthy establishment.

Why, you wonder, would His Eminence trouble to visit someone not noted for religious zeal? The truth is, he is an ardent aviculturist, just like our humble selves. The Lama maintains extensive aviaries at the main monastery in Gangtok, Sikkim.

Sikkim is a small, narrow country plastered against the slope of the eastern Himalaya. It runs up-and-down, and the climate varies from eternal spring at the bottom, or south, to eternal Michigan-in-the-wintertime at the top, or north. The birds found there are those of north India, and include the Pekin Robin.

His Holiness, along with a retinue of monks clad in trendy purple robes, followed by business advisors, lawyers and other hangers-on clad in natty suits, crowded into our lowly birdroom and checked out the birds.

On the first visit, the Karmapa expressed delight and surprise at finding common wild birds (to him being kept in aviaries. This would be akin to us finding a cage full of sparrows or starlings abroad. Familiar to the monks were the Pekin Robins, the Black-chinned Yuhinas and several Babblers. The Lama also knew well the Chloropsis and Shamias, which were found next door in the lower (and warmer) parts of neighboring Nepal.

He was impressed by our indoor flights containing large, potted plants and bushes. "Dead brush" he affirmed "is bad for birds."

After he had seen the exotic species, he turned to the more commonplace canaries (albeit show winning stock imported from the U. K.) and finches. He particularly fancied the Gouldians. "Wonderful!" he exclaimed, "I'll buy them all." He took away a lot of Borders, Glosters and Horwiches and some Gouldians, even though we did our best to dissuade him.

"Gouldians" he insisted, "will never make it all the way back to

The Lama was going on to visit Alaska before returning home (a

ch in Home???)

His Holiness...

Gouldians are well-known for their disconcerting habit of dropping dead, especially as they go into the first moult. We have had a youngster at that stage teeter up to the water dish, pause at the edge, then fall flat on its face in the water. It was not ascertained whether it drowned, or was dead before hitting the surface.

Anyway, all or most of the birds survived the journey, even the Gouldians - which says a lot for the skill of His Holiness as an aviculturist. Now the Himalayas resound to the exotic trilling of border canaries, and the alien buzzing of Australian finches. We even saw a picture of thee in the "National Geographic". Someday we hope to visit Gangtok, and express surprise at finding 'coveen' canaries there.

On the subject of the Indian sub-continent, I might mention that I was reading the Kaga Sutra recently. I could not believe that this rather tedious and decidedly unentertaining book was banned from the library when I was a kid. However I was reading it for its bird information. (Honest!!).

Written around 2 or 3 A.D. (plus or minus a few years) it was a manual to help the idle rich fill in their days. Included in the daily tasks they had to carry out - or at least, instruct their servants to carry out - was the care of cocks, quails, pheasants, parrots and nynahs.

Some of the former at least were kept for fighting and the latter two species were given daily speech lessons! So talking birds have a venerable history. Who knows - maybe a cavean had a pet Archaeopteryx that could say 'Ugh!!'.

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Les, I just want you to know that I, for one, definitely believe that your interest in the Kaga Sutra is primarily avicultural. Thanks for the article. Interesting to know how far-spread and how ancient avicultural practices are. I wish the Himalayan finches and canaries the best. The Gouldians should look great with those purple robes!

The Editor.

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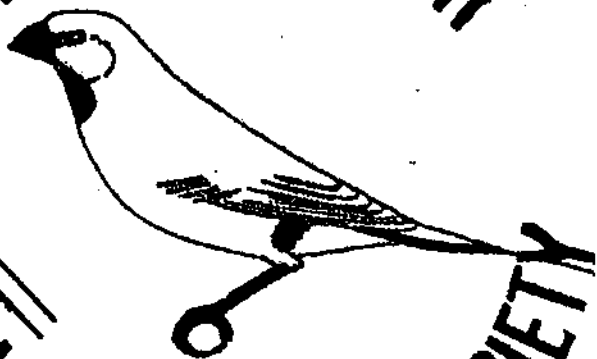
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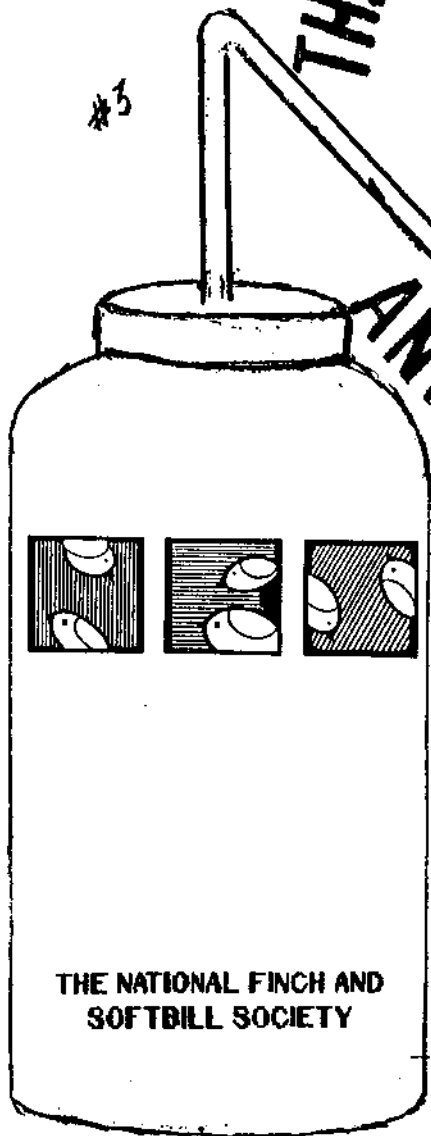
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ALICE AND THE SAILBOAT MEET AGAIN

By Niki Spartzak

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In the September/October issue of the Bulletin I described how I felt as though I was jumping through Alice in Wonderlands' "looking glass" when moving from the world of all hookbills to a world that includes softbills and finches. I think I can now best describe that jump as a "head-first" tumble. At least I can say that I landed on my feet.

As you remember, my pair of Indian Mill Mynahs presented me with an egg. Actually, there were three eggs but only one was fertile. However, even this was a learning experience. Never underestimate the powers of a 16 month old Mynah cock. He did fertilize one egg at that tender age.

On the 15th day of incubation I was in the midst of my morning routine of feeding, watering and checking nestboxes when I decided to look into the Mynahs' drum. (They set up "housekeeping" in a black metal drum - keep in mind that I'm a hookbill breeder!) The egg had hatched! Just hatched apparently because the chick was still wet! I suddenly needed a cup of coffee and a cigarette to think this situation out. During this time I was debating with myself whether or not to pull the chick for handfeeding or let the parents do it. I decided that they probably knew more about raising Mynahs than I did. The decision was made. I went back into the Mynahs' room for one more look. OH NO!! The Mynah pair had other ideas! They had tossed that wet little lump of a chick out of the nest! I was glad I had used a lot of hay on the bottom of the cage. At least the chick had a soft landing.

HELP! SOMEBODY! Now the survival of the chick rested in my hands. After checking the chick for injuries I knew what had to be done next. CALL BRENDA! She had coached me about Mynah-keeping before and I knew she had hand-fed Rothschilds from the egg and would have some advice. She explained how to construct a nest of paper towels and tissues. It has to be deep and snug so that the chick will have support to keep its' head up. The nest was made, the chick was on heat and all seemed to be going well. Next I had to dash out to get the proper food. I got laas dry kitten food from the local pet shop. Brenda said to soak it in hot water until it was soft. After I drained it I was ready for the first feeding. I weighed the chick before offering any food. It weighed in at a whopping 5 grams. With round-end tweezers in hand I was ready. I must admit, my hand was shaking so much that I dropped the first two pieces. When I finally touched the chick's mouth it shot open like a deep steel trap! How could a chick so small have such a BIG mouth? I knew why Brenda kept saying they are "gapers". The neck is stretched the mouth gapes wide open! It took one bite of kitten food, a third of After the chick swallowed the third bite, with the steel trap

snapping shut between bites it fell asleep. The trap snapped shut and it literally FELL - sound asleep.

Since I now felt a little better about the situation, I was ready to pack up and go in to work. I own my own business and so I must make an appearance at least once a day. We all have to work to support our bird habits. The chick adapted very well to the routine of traveling to the office everyday. However, my clients didn't adapt very well to the idea that I had to get off the phone quickly to feed the Mynah chick. I named the chick Reject because of his parents actions and Reject continued to gape reliably every half an hour and eat and fall asleep. The most amazing thing was his rate of growth and development. His weight gains from day to day were unbelievable. At the end of the first week he weighed 52 grams and already was showing all black feather shafts all over. I was impressed.

When I went to the AFA Convention in Washington in August Reject stayed in York, PA with Bruce Evanick. I felt secure because I knew that as long as Reject was with Bruce I had nothing to worry about. I would like to publicly thank Bruce for stepping in to cover for me. Without people like Bruce, people like Brenda and I couldn't attend all of the functions that we now can. Bruce is one of the unsung heroes that don't get the credit that they deserve. It's the person that stays home with the everyday feeding, cleaning and the unexpected problems that make it possible for people like me to go and have the fun. Thank you Bruce. Reject thanks you too.

(Editor's note: And I thank you too Bruce!)

Reject had grown to his adult size and had become a wonderful example of how two societies can work together for the benefit of all of the birds. He wears a Society of Parrot Breeders and Exhibitors (SPBE) band. At the time he hatched I ordered closed bands from NFS. When the bands arrived I discovered that the largest size available was not large enough for Reject. I banded him with an SPBE closed, traceable band so that he would always be identifiable as a domestically raised Mynah. The National Finch and Softbill Society has since adopted a new policy of accepting registrations of closed traceable bands issued by other societies with the payment of a \$5 fee. For more information on this policy and on the way it works, contact Denise Capazzi, Band Secretary. The new system is working and can benefit all who use it. Don't let your chicks go unbanded.

Getting back to Mynahs - the producing pair went back to nest in five weeks. The hen laid three eggs. All three were fertile. I couldn't predict the hatch date this time because I was away from home at a show for several days and didn't know when the eggs were laid. The hen did incubate the eggs but, unfortunately, abandoned them before hatching. Upon opening 1' eggs I could tell that the oldest chick was only about 12 hours from hatching. I'll never know why they tossed out the first chick or why

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SPICE FINCH ANYONE?

By Kris Kroner

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Alice and the Sailboat

abandoned her eggs. I do know that with proper care and help from those who are willing to share their knowledge, we can learn from each other. I have purchased an incubator so I will be ready for the next clutch of eggs. If anyone has records on incubating softbill eggs, please send them to the NFS Bulletin for me.

In my first article I made a reference to the old powerboat versus sailboat rivalry. Yes - I own a powerboat. Fearing that old rivalry, I wouldn't try sailing. I said I didn't like sailboats. By now you have probably guessed the end of my story. I tried sailing. I like sailing. Yes, I now own a powerboat and a sailboat. What can I say - hookbills, softbills, finches, sailboats or whatever. Try it all.

P.S. I just hatched and raised Gouldian chicks. Where will it all end?

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The Editor, who has the privilege of being a friend and "travelin' companion" of Niki's has no reason to believe that it will end here. Rumor has it that now a Pot-bellied pig has joined the household. Next story say deal wif' eggs in that incubator!

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The only issue that didn't get a clear-cut answer was the question of who should be deciding which club gets the Regional Show for it's region. This is an honor for the club selected and I have been making these decisions by myself and I wasn't comfortable doing that. Some Board members felt that I should continue alone, some felt that the whole Board should be involved (I think that is too slow and cumbersome). Several members suggested an alternative that I felt is sensible, quicker than asking for a response from 19 people and keeps all the essential Board members involved. Russ, Chris, Gene and others suggested the formation of a Regional Show Selection Committee. This would consist of: Chris Voronovitch, who needs to be kept up to date on these selections so she can order the special plaques; Pam Liddy, who handles our affiliates list; Russ, who is indispensable in many ways, including sorting out whose affiliation is up to date and who has had the regional show in which year previously; me and each regional vice-president. SO- I hereby appoint us as the committee and we'll base our decisions partly on the requests we receive, partly on the records of previous years (we want to spread these regional shows around the regions) and we will give consideration to shows having special anniversaries, (i.e., the 50th annual show). We already have requests from region 1, 2 and 4.

Jerry has all of the new merchandise and is ready to ship it to you...the Gouldian pins are lovely! If your club is having a "mart", a "fair" or if you can set up a table to promote NFS at your show or other event, call or write Jerry. We can arrange (on a case by case basis) to ship some merchandise to you on consignment so that you have the opportunity to display and sell it and you don't have to pay for it in advance. Jerry and Miki can also ship brochures and other literature to you to put out on display. Help us promote NFS. It will benefit all of us.

On the rather sore subject of the Bulletin publishing schedule - I am doing the best that I can...as this issue is being printed the next one is being cut and pasted and assembled for the printer. Articles are being typed for the next one and we're playing "catch-up" as fast as we can.

On an even more touchy subject - I have no FINCHSAVE report. I have had no communication with the director or any of the participants. This very important project has been plagued with problems. If you have ideas and the time to help please contact Jeff. If you have no response, please contact me. I don't know what to do to fix this and I need your help.

PLEASE - consider placing a business-card or larger ad. Please ask people you deal with to place an ad. Contact suppliers and dealers and let them know that we estimate that each issue of the Bulletin is seen by 1600 finch and softbill fanciers. It is potentially a great market and a source of revenue. Help us get advertising - please.

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